

transactions that would connect the railroads with each other or any railroad in their corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33505, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 420, Washington, DC 20036.

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By the Board, David M. Konschnik,
Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33504]

Gettysburg Railway Company, Inc.— Lease and Operation Exemption— Delaware Transportation Group, Inc.

Gettysburg Railway Company, Inc. (GRCI), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to lease from Delaware Transportation Group, Inc. (DTGI), and to operate, approximately 23.4 miles of rail line between approximately milepost 31.2, at Gettysburg, PA, and milepost 7.8, at Mt. Holly Springs, PA.

The transaction is scheduled to be consummated on or after October 31, 1997.

This transaction is related to two simultaneously filed notices of exemption in STB Finance Docket No. 33505, *John H. Marino—Continuance in Control Exemption—Delaware Transportation Group, Inc., Gettysburg Railway Company, Inc., and Evansville Terminal Company, Inc.*, wherein John H. Marino will continue in control of GRCI, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier, and STB Finance Docket No. 33503, *Delaware Transportation Group, Inc.—Acquisition Exemption—Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc.*, wherein DTGI will acquire the lines to be operated by GRCI.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33504, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Robert A. Wimbish, Esq., Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 420, Washington, DC 20035.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 33493]

RailAmerica, Inc.—Acquisition of Control Exemption—Cape Fear Railways, Inc.

RailAmerica, Inc. (RailAmerica), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire, through stock purchase, the Cape Fear Railways, Inc. (CF), a Class III railroad, operating in the State of North Carolina.¹

The transaction was expected to be consummated on or after October 17, 1997.

RailAmerica directly controls 11 common carrier Class III railroads operating in 7 states: the Cascade and Columbia River Railroad Company; the Delaware Valley Railway Company, Inc.; the St. Croix Valley Railroad Company; the Gettysburg Railway; the Huron & Eastern Railway Company, Inc.; the Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.; the Otter Tail Valley Railroad Company; the Saginaw Valley Railway Company, Inc.; the West Texas & Lubbock Railroad Company, Inc.; the Dakota Rail, Inc.; and the South Central Tennessee Railroad Company.

RailAmerica states that: (i) The rail lines to be operated by CF do not connect with any railroad in the corporate family; (ii) the transaction is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect CF with any railroad in the corporate family; and (iii) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier. Therefore, the transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323. See 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2).

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33493, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Gary Laakso, Esq., RailAmerica, Inc., 301 Yamato Road, Suite 1190, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

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¹ RailAmerica will purchase the stock of CF from Seaboard Corporation.